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Attorney Docket No. 781-A03-003-1

First Inventor P. Bonutti

Title METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SECURING TISSUE

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
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2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.

3. Specification [Total Pages 50]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
- Descriptive title of the invention
- Cross Reference to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
- Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 7]

5. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets 1]
a. Newly executed (original or copy)

b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)

i. DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) name in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)

8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
a. Computer Reader Form (CRF)

b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
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ii. Paper

c. Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of (when there is an assignee) Attorney
11. English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1499 Copies of IDS Citations
13. Preliminary Amendment
14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
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1002 330	2002 165			Design filing fee	
1003 520	2003 260			Plant filing fee	
1004 750	2004 375			Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80			Provisional filing fee	
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	21	-20** =	1	X	9.00	=	9.00	Fee from	Extra Claims	below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	3	- 3** =	0	X	42.00	=	0.00				
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Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 84	2201 42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 280	2203 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 84	2204 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2)		(\$ 9.00)

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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Small Entity

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1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
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1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 410	2252 205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 930	2253 465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,450	2254 725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 1,970	2255 985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 320	2401 160	Notice of Appeal	
1402 320	2402 160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 280	2403 140	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,300	2453 650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
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1503 630	2503 315	Plant issue fee	
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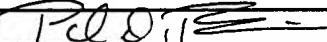
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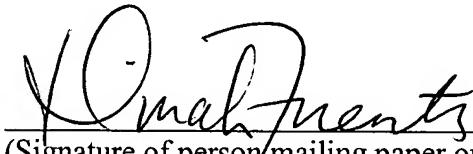
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